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(including cover) 3**Comments:** Attached please find a response to the office action of December 5, 2005, in the above-referenced patent application.

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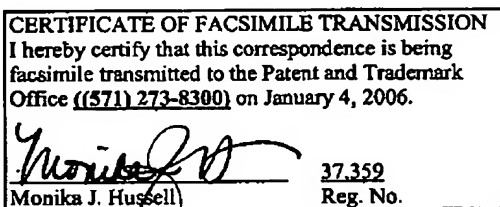
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action of December 9, 2005. The Examiner has identified three distinct inventions in the application, identified by claim numbers as follows:

- I. Claims 1-4, 15-20 and 28-33.
- II. Claims 5-7.
- III. Claims 8-14, 21-27 and 34-40.

Pursuant to this restriction requirement, the applicant elects Invention III, identified by claims 8-14, 21-27 and 34-40.

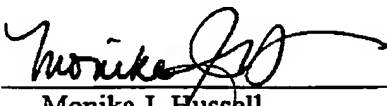
Furthermore, the examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. §121 of a single disclosed species of (A) an oxidant; (B) a surfactant; and (c) a halide compound. Applicant hereby elects (A) the oxidant species comprising a monopersulfate compound in the forms derived from alkali metal salt of peroxy monosulfuric acid alone or in combination with the alkali metal salts of sulfuric or persulfuric acid; (B) the surfactant species comprising tetrabutylammonium hydrogen sulfate; and (C) the halide compound species comprising chloride. These elections are made

with traverse on the basis that it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to direct examination to all of the disclosed respective species. Claims 8-14, 21-27 and 34-40 are believed to read on the elected species. It is believed that this represents a complete response to the election requirement.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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